

MLTRC Logistics Committee
Meeting Notes
1-20-2021

Call to order 2:05 PM

Commissioners Present: Maya Davis, Tamara E. Wilson, DeNeen Brown, Elizabeth Hughes, Gary Norman

Staff Present: Will Schwarz, Chris Haley, Emily Oland Squires

Agenda Items:

- Public Hearing Schedule
 - Tracking Coalition Communications
 - Committee Documents
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Public Hearing Schedule

The Committee Discussed the possibility of extending the Public hearing schedule based on the current bill HB 297 Sunset Extension Bill and the Emmett Till Grant/Schedule Update.

Commissioner Davis shared feedback and questions from a few of the county coalitions. The inquiries included whether the MLTRC would consider having a forum for discussing modern day lynchings and if it was possible to divide some of the county hearings further to hold their own hearings. Some counties felt as though they would be overshadowed if the hearings were held in a specific place or had more stories. Commissioners DeNeen Brown and Tamara Wilson agreed that it would be helpful to have a forum to discuss modern day lynchings. Commissioner Wilson offered that the MLTRC could potentially partner with the African American History and Culture Commission for a forum. Commissioner Elizabeth Hughes and MLTRC staff member Will Schwarz inquired whether offering such a forum would fall outside of our mandate. The question was then raised on how we would handle newly discovered lynchings that would fall outside of our mandate. In regards to further separating the public hearings the Commission discussed whether there would be a dedicated funding stream for that and commissioner time.

Tracking Coalition Communications

Will Schwarz shared a document with the committee that he had been working on to keep track of communications between the MLTRC and the Coalitions. Mr. Schwarz has created an excel spreadsheet which. Commissioner DeNeen Brown inquired how people access the information and highlighted the importance of bringing the community along. She also shared the need for sensitivity in who gets to share these stories.

Committee Documents

The Commission discussed the testimony guidelines document and what we want to present. The committee will need to work with the Reconciliation Committee to determine what the content of the day should be including a portion dedicated to reconciliation exercises.

Commissioners Davis and Wilson will work on the Institutional Hearing guidelines at a later date.

Next Steps:

- Will Schwarz will present his documents to full Commission
- Come up with Focus items for coalition (i.e. meeting location, potential speakers, sense of relevant history)
- Next meeting will be Wednesday, February 17, 2021 at 11 AM.